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FOR LITTLE FOLKS.

A Young Musician There is now at the Midwinter fair in San Francisco with Sonsa's band a young boy of whom it is said that he will follow in the footsteps of his famous father. This boy is John Philip Sonsa, Jr., and a fine lad he is. He began his musical studies on the violin, the same as his father, under the tuition of Professor Herman C. Rockman, the



noted violin teacher of Washington. Young John Philip has already made remarkable progress on that instrument, and aside from his theoretical studies of music picks up any tune he hears and goes home and repeats it on the violin with all sorts of improvised variations. Phil, as he is lovingly called by those who know him, is only 12 years old, but a big, handsome boy, bearing a striking resemblance to his father. "What does your music teacher say to you when you play for him?" Phil was asked by a friend here in St. Louis the other day. "He is never quite satisfied," replied Philip very frankly, "but says, 'You have it in you to do better than the very best.'" Undoubtedly this young prodigy will be heard of before long, although his parents modestly keep their son's musical talent concealed from the public.

Aside from this, John Philip Sousa, Jr., runs a boy's printing press at his home in Philadelphia and has taken part in many a football contest, for in this manly sport he is quite an adept .-St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Lighthouse Maggie.

Down in Newkirk bay, on the coast of the Atlantic, lives a little girl 11 years old whose entire life has been spent out at sea. Her name is Maggie Wood, and her home is the big stone ! lighthouse one sees when at Mariner's Harbor, N. Y., or sailing down the bay. The girl lives away from all other children. Her chief pastime is in watching the boats pass and in hearing the sounds which come across the waves. On clear days in summer, standing out on the stone pier of the lighthouse, she



can hear the children of the picnic excursions sing as they go down the bay. In winter she wraps up warmly and stands as far out as the rough winds will allow and waves her apron to the sailors on the boat, who wave a reply back. Sometimes they blow their steam whistles for her, and sometimes, for they know how she loves music, they shout sea songs or blow upon a flute or fife or a horn. Every day Maggie's aunt and uncle, with whom she lives, see that she has her regular lessons. She has real schoolbooks, which her uncle brings home on his rare visits to the city. She is not at all an unlearned child, and her favorite work is to sketch the old stone lighthouse.

Origin of the Word Farm. The origin of the word "farm" is as follows: In the Saxons' time the estates which the lords of manors granted to the freemen were at first but for a term of years, with a render of a rent, which in those days was of corn and other produce. The leases so made were called fermes or farmes, but times ensuing turned the produce into money and terms of years to terms of life and inheritance.-New York Journal.

Such Manners! Misses Arabella Juliet and Mabel Caroline Were taken out some little friends to see; They were very glad to go, for the afternoon

was fine, And they were kindly urged to stay to tea. They were their very best, all with puffs and

ruffles, too,
And sashes one of blue and one of pink,
Their hair was nicely frizzled, and their button boots were new—
They must have looked extremely well, I
think!

Now, such dainty little lassies, you would nat-

Would try to be quite proper and polite
And say: "Good afternoon, ma'am. I hope
you're well today,"
And "Good evening, ma'am," when they
went home at night.

And when they were at supper, of course you would suppose
They'd bow and say, "A little, if you please,"
Or, "No, I thank you, madam," for everybody knows
It is well behaved to say such things as these.

tut if you will believe me they never said a word,
But sat as if they both were deaf and dumb!
low, tell me, little girls, if you ever, ever heard
Of dolls who heled so—away from home?
—Sydney Dayre in Youth's Companion.

NEW SPRING PELISSES.

The figure on the right shows a rich visiting wrap or pelisse of prune and drab brocade, with a deep pelerine ornamented with gold passementerie. The center figure shows a close pelisse of gobelin blue Venetian cloth, trimmed with dark blue velvet. The left figure has a pelisse of black satin, with a pelerine cut in deep Vandyke points fringed and trimmed with passementerie. These pelisses are for ceremonious visits and strictly promenade wraps.

If a room needs new toilet covers after the spring house cleaning, make them from white cotton point d'esprit laid over a color and edge each piece with a frill of the same, run with baby ribbons. A set seen recently was of white over pale orange. Cut a piece of white muslin of cheesecloth the size of the top of the dresser and other places for which you want the covers, lay over them a thin layer of cotton sprinkled with violet powder, then tack on a covering of siderably larger than the linings and catch the extra fullness here and there to the lining, so that when finished the lace will lay up lightly and have a slightly crumpled look. Make a wide frill of the lace, turn in a wide hem, and over the hem and just above it sew on the baby ribbon. Set on the frill with a heading. Make a cover for your pincushion, if you use one, in the same way, but without any lining.-Ex-

Mrs. Merrill's Speech.

At the recent Sorosis breakfast in New York Mrs. Estelle Merrill of Boston gave a little talk. "You have heard," she said, "of the man who said that it was so much pleasanter to be riding in a cab and thinking how much pleasant. er it was to be riding in a cab than it was to be walking, and thinking how much pleasanter it was to be riding in a cab and thinking how much pleasanter it was to be riding in a cab than it was to be walking." Then Mrs. Merrill took a long breath. "Now I ask your sympathy today," she went on, "because it is so much pleasanter to be sitting in a chair and thinking how much pleasanter it is to be sitting in a chair than it is to be making a speech than it is to be making

a speech and thinking''—

By this time everybody was laughing so heartily that Mrs Merrill finished with a hopeless gesture.

A Woman Contractor.

A woman, Mrs. A. H. Shannon, was one of the bidders for the big asphalt paving contract which is to be awarded by the street and water commissioners. She proved to be the lowest of three competitors. The paving is to be done over the present pavement. The bids were referred to a committee. If Mrs. Shannon proves successful, she will have the distinction of being the first woman who ever received a street paving contract in Jersey City. She is the widow of John M. Shannon, a wealthy contractor. - Jersey City News.

Mrs. Everhard's Advice.

The Akron Political Equality club, one of the strongest Ohio societies, recently celebrated the beginning of its fifth year. Mrs. Everhard, the state president, urged women to accept positions on boards of corporations, banks and public institutions whenever a chance presented itself. She herself is a director in a bank and president of a board of a charitable institution. She said that the best work can be done by an institution whose board is composed of men and women.

Cleveland Women Win.

Success has at last crowned the long, patient struggle of the woman's council to secure police matrons for the city of Cleveland. Mrs. Harriet Garfield and Mrs. Emma Essinger have been appointed by the mayor. Mrs. Essinger is the widow of a mail clerk and since the death of her husband has supported her two children and her aged mother. The matrons will receive \$665.66 a year, or two-thirds of the salary of a patrolman. -Cleveland Letter.

A Strong Team.

Mrs. Helen M. Gougar has engaged Mrs. Mary E. Lease of Kansas to join her in a series of 10 meetings to be held at central points in Indiana, beginning April 23. Mrs. Lease will represent the Populist party and Mrs. Gougar the Prohibitionists.

Good work done by the Peerless.

Fashions in Girls' Names.

The most important change in the naming of girls has been the growing disinclination to give them more than one name, the object of this being that when a woman marries she may easily combine her full maiden name with her new surname, writes Mrs. Hamilton Mott in The Ladies' Home Journal. A three word signature is much prettier and more convenient than one composed of four words. Then, too, immediate recognition of her own as well as that colored sateon. Cut the piece of lace con- of her husband's surname and the convenience in genealogical research and legal transactions are two reasons of sufficient importance to warrant the combination were there no others.

With this fashion in girls' names has come, as in boys', a disinclination to use diminutives or pet names. Mollies, Maggies, Katies and the various feminine "ies" and "ys" are as scarce as their masculine counterparts Jimmie and Willie. Mary, Margaret and Katharine have taken the place of the former. and James and William of the latter.

Signs of the Times.

Women keep on pushing their way into the business world, and nothing is more remarkable than the manner in which actresses are beginning to leave the stage to take commercial positions. Edith Kenward, who was a "kangaroo dancer," a skirt dancer and a clever comedienne a year ago, has retired from the stage to become the American business representative of George R. Sims. Emma Mulle, one of the prettiest chorus women in "1492," has retired from the stage to become secretary for Mr. E. E. Rice. Miss Johnstone Bennett has been representing an American manager in Paris for some months on a salary, looking for French plays, and there are women advance agents, women press agents and women business managers all through the theatrical ranks who were formerly behind the footlights. If the migration keeps on much longer, the men will have to forsake the business end of the theaters and go on the stage themselves.-New York Correspondent.

Swell. Half a dozen of those half grown newsboys who sell New York newspapers on Main street, and who rejoice in such names as Chicago Red, New York Red, Skipped From Ohio and Leary the Robber, were in an all night restaurant. They had money, and they had been eating

the best that was to be had. One of them had been in the restaurant for an hour or two, and while the crowd was standing by the desk and paying checks he said: "Gee, but dev was a swell loidy cum in here tonight! She was swell. I was sittin here, an soon's as she cum in I got up an showed her a seat, an she had her feed. She was swell." "What did she eat?" asked one of the

others. "Wheat cakes, but she eat 'em like dey was tuhkey. She was a swell loidy, I'm tellin you."—Buffalo Express.

American Prudery.

Mr. Frederick Locker in his "Patchwork" tells a story in illustration of the unwillingness among certain circles to allude to such a thing as a leg. A girl goes in hot haste to fetch a doctor for her sister, who, she says, has broken a limb.

"Which limb is it?" says the doctor. "Oh, I can't tell you which limb," says "But you must," replies the doctor.

"Hang it! Is it the limb she threads her needle with?" "No, sir," says the girl, immensely relieved, "it's the limb she wears her garter on."-London Illustrated News.

A Good Reason.

Briggs-How many trunks are you going to take out this time? Trainmaker-Three. Briggs-You took seven on your last

Trainmaker-I had my wife with me then. -Cloak Review.

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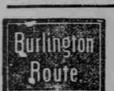
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